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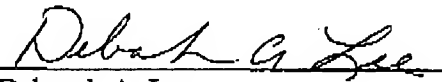
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Applicant: Rathindra DasGupta	)	Confirmation No.: 3663
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Serial No.: 10/693,951	)	Art Unit: 1742
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Filed: October 28, 2003	)	Examiner: Janelle Combs-Morillo
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire November 27, 2004. A Petition for a one month Extension of Time along with the requisite fee is submitted herewith extending the time for response to December 27, 2004. In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.